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via Bruce Arculus

Grossman talks about education

By Bruce Arculus

Hopes for increased post-secondary education funding under an Ontario Progressive Conservative government appear to have been dashed by PC party leader Larry Grossman.

"Responsibly, I have to say that if the only source for funding is the taxpayers, and the economy is growing at two-and-a-half per cent, the ability to give the system the four or eight per cent increases it needs is severely curtailed."

While admitting demands for funds "have now become needs," Grossman said that the money must come from the private sector and students.

Grossman told a meeting of about 60 members of local Tory campus clubs at Wilfrid Laurier University Thursday, Jan. 16, he advocates a hike in tuition fees to 25 per cent of the total cost of education.

Students now pay approximately 17 per cent and the Ontario Federation of Students claims tuition would reach \$2,000 if it rose to 25 per cent.

"A gradual rise to 25 per cent would depend on the economy and would be covered totally by the Ontario Student Awards Program," Grossman said.

Grossman said the government has a long list of financial obligations. "It would be foolish to suggest that we suddenly have glory days, and could provide the necessary funds."

"Education will have to line up like everything else."

Grossman later added that any increase in funding has little effect because of the size of Ontario's post-secondary system.

"Fifty million dollars between 15 universities, 22 colleges and Ryerson does not go far," he said, in reference to Liberal funding initiatives.

Grossman said he increased

post-secondary funding at the rate of inflation when he was Ontario treasurer, which the Liberals "have failed to do."

In the United States, universities have learned to depend more on the private sector, Grossman said. "At the University of Waterloo, we provided \$30 million for the \$48 million computer centre, while Hewlett Packard provided the remaining \$18 million. In the U.S., it would have been funded totally by Hewlett Packard."

Grossman used the occasion to outline his plans for instigating a "total re-examination of Progressive Conservative policies." He repeatedly stressed the need for his party to look forward, admit past mistakes and make no apologies for them.

He said the party's role in opposition is to "try and ensure the public understands the long-term consequences of the government's policies . . . not to rail about the issues. Many of them are a move in the right direction and the public has wanted to see action like the Spills Bill."

He said the Liberal government has been handling the "cosmetics of office reasonably well," and has appeared to make "popular, bold and decisive moves. The public looks and says 'Gee, there's bold action.'"

But the Liberals "put emphasis on tough decisions rather than the right ones." Rent controls, said Grossman, "are the absolutely worst move possible . . . it's detrimental for new construction."

Grossman said Premier David Peterson is being unrealistic about the issue of free trade. "The United States is our biggest market, and biggest customer. We should proceed with negotiations, leaving agriculture and culture off the table."

Premiums rise 521%

By David Harrington

The skyrocketing cost of liability insurance being experienced across the country is now being widely felt throughout Ontario's community colleges.

All of Ontario's 22 community colleges are facing large increases in their liability insurance when time comes for its renewal.

At least one college is expected to face increased premiums with a dramatic decrease in the coverage it is receiving when its insurance is renewed in April. Corporate Secretary Ray Heath, of Mohawk College said, in a telephone interview, his college will expect a 40 per cent decrease in its coverage while premiums jump 100 per cent when their insurance comes up for renewal in April.

The 521 per cent increase in Conestoga College's insurance premiums, said director of finance Jack Williams, will not affect tuition fees at the college.

Williams said liability premiums for the college rose from \$4,000 in April 1984 to \$30,000 in April 1985 because of the number of claims made against insurance firms across the nation. He said, when the college's insurance comes up

for renewal in May he expects the rate will go up again.

The \$10 million comprehensive liability coverage for the college remained the same through the increase, said Williams.

The sky-high liability insurance coverage for municipalities, school boards and businesses was recently triggered by a series of large court settlements awarded to people injured in accidents. In a recent case a man was awarded a settlement of more than \$6 million against the City of Brampton after he was paralysed when his dirt bike crashed on city property.

Frances Cowan, an underwriter for the Guarantee Co. of North America, said "bad losses" experienced by insurance firms is one prime reason for the increased rates.

"Severe competition with other firms kept rates down for years," Cowan said. "Companies need money to off-set claims and make up for past losses."

She said, some school boards which the firm insures will be restricting sports in their schools with the advent of increasing insurance costs.

Williams said Conestoga has used its liability several times in the past for various reasons

but has no plans to place restrictions on its students by cutting any sport or academic programs.

A representative of Centennial College said the college had eliminated its student pubs because of the increased insurance costs for the school.

The increased premium wasn't really large, said Williams, considering that the school was receiving "cheap insurance" before. The college did however shop around to 18 firms for cheaper rates, he said.

Roberta Spence, director of finance for Fanshawe College, said in a telephone interview

their premiums rose 83 per cent when renewed in October. The college's premiums rose from \$20,000 to \$38,000 for the same coverage of \$10 million.

Spence said the college was "very fortunate" it wasn't higher.

The insurance industry which is under provincial jurisdiction, will be looked into by a task force set up by the Ontario government.

A study by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities will also be set up to look into the insurance industry in connection with colleges and universities in the province.

OSAP to increase student aid

By Jane Moreau

The Ontario Student Assistance Program will receive an eight per cent increase in the 1986-87 academic year, with the greatest part going into the Ontario study grant plan.

Announced Jan. 16 by Colleges and Universities Minister Greg Sorbara, the Jan. 17 K-W Record reported that the ministry's first priority will be to "lessen the amount that

parents from low-income families are required to contribute to their child's education."

Betty Martin, Conestoga College's assistant registrar, said "the parental contribution tables will be lowered." But she doesn't have specific information on how the increase will be applied or which students will be affected, she said.

"In part, the enhancements will be applied to tuition increases," as well as "allowing

married students additional funding."

Married students who have a working spouse are one of the three types of students receiving OSAP grants, she said. Students who have had three years of working experience fall into the "independent" category. "Dependant" students are those who haven't had three years experience in the work force, she said.



Jello-eating champs

John Eudemoni and Carol Felszeg, winners of the Jello-eating contest at the Waterloo campus, pose with Miss Winter Carnival, Al Stacey.

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DSA's gift refused

Media self-righteousness received the stab of columnist Allan Fotheringham's sharp pen and thorny wit in the Jan. 20 issue of Maclean's magazine.

"Any journalist whose soul can be bought for a bottle of whiskey is in some trouble."

He was responding to the return of a Christmas gift given to the media staff of the Canadian Embassy in Washington. Bruce Phillips, former CTV broadcaster and now the chief of public relations at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, had sent them a bottle of scotch.

It was returned as a questionable bribe and a threat to their professional integrity, a rule which Fotheringham dates back to the old days of wrestling promoters and then to the zealotry of young post-Watergate reporters. Have the media carried their quest for objectivity to an arrogant extreme? Similarly, Spoke staff had their Christmas gift from their publisher, the Doon Student Association (DSA) arbitrarily returned by their faculty advisor. There was no consultation with Spoke staff even though the letter of refusal used the collective us.

Offered twice yearly, the traditional cheque of \$150 for an "appreciation night" for the 15 students on staff was refused on the basis of "the ethics of the profession" and the unqualified statement that "many newspapers now have specific policies forbidding the acceptance of such gifts."

That may be justifiably so, but the DSA as our publisher is also our employer. I don't know of any successful employer who doesn't offer some appreciation to staff during the season of good will.

Indeed, the Kitchener-Waterloo Record staff were treated to a Christmas dinner party at the Kitchener-Waterloo Granite Club by their publisher A.K. (Sandy) Baird.

Phil Olinski, DSA business manager, said the gift is the result of a formal contract between the college, the DSA and the journalism department to recognize the essential service the Spoke staff provides for the student population.

If our then faculty advisor or anyone else thinks our class can be bought for a dinner, they are suffering from a delusion. As well, they affront our integrity as journalism students of Conestoga College. Our 17 months here have been permeated with faculty demand for professional objectivity, accuracy and fairness.

And not the least, as a mere human, I missed the evening of fun and sociability with my peers—away from the intensity of newspaper deadlines.

In the interest of staff morale, was it not ludicrous for the faculty advisor to refuse that benefit? As Fotheringham said, "there seems to be a severe shortage of fun . . . in this blessed world today."

By Jane Moreau

WATERLOO CAMPUS JELLO-EATING CONTEST

I'M STARVING.



ME TOO, I HAVEN'T HAD A DECENT MEAL SINCE LAST YEAR'S PIZZA-EATING CONTEST.



Question of the Week

What do you think of the Soviet proposal to eliminate nuclear weapons by the year 2000?



"I think it's a great fantasy. The Soviets cannot drop nuclear warfare because it would upset the balance between the superpowers—the U.S. would have to do the same."

Denise Wamsley
BRT



"Basically, it's a good idea which needs co-operation by both sides of the superpowers. I think the elimination of nuclear weapons is highly unlikely by 2000."

Peter Campbell
BRT



"It's a good idea but I don't think either side can trust the other. I find it unlikely to occur."

Walter Reiter
BRT



"It's a nice thought but they are too power hungry to follow through. Reagan should continue on with Star Wars."

Lisa Wheaton
Nursing



"I think it's a good idea but whether it will actually work in reality is another thing. We can only hope for world peace."

Alan Merritt
BRT



"The Soviet Union is afraid of Star Wars. I question the Soviet's integrity in keeping their part of the bargain."

Tracey Peardon
BRT

Volunteers an important ingredient in society

By Karen Mantel

In today's money-oriented society it is reassuring to learn that volunteers are alive and healthy and reaping enormous benefits.

In 1979-80, according to a recent Toronto Star article, almost three million Canadians did volunteer work with their time estimated at \$1.9 billion.

The numbers are surprising and significant.

Numerous organizations, such as hospitals, museums and galleries, social agencies, churches and theatres, rely on volunteers to exist.

For example, Metro Toronto's Second Harvest picks up food from

restaurants, hotels and grocery stores and delivers it to hostels, missions and social agencies, reported the Star article. In operation since April 1984, Second Harvest is run entirely by volunteers. Clearly, the organization provides a useful and important service to those in need.

Without doubt volunteer work is a growing area. In 1984, the Star reported, the Volunteer Centre of Metro Toronto matched up more than 10,000 volunteers with 350 agencies compared to about 2,000 volunteers in 1974.

With unemployment and cutbacks running high, volunteers not only fill an important void in many organizations, the experience they gain can

pave the way to future employment.

As the Star article pointed out, many students use volunteer work to get training in their chosen field. In fact, more than 25 per cent of volunteers placed by Toronto's Metro Centre are teenagers, the article said.

Granted many college and university students need the security of a paid part-time job to ensure much needed money for their studies. But, with the current tight job market, experience in one's chosen field can be integral to success.

Often, unfortunately, students are forced to take summer and part-time jobs outside of their field of study simply to make enough money to

return to school.

Not only does the experience gained from volunteer work add impressively to a resume, but the initiative and time involved in the work is evident. And it may be a cliché, but yes, volunteer work does make you feel good.

The role of volunteers cannot afford to be underestimated. In a time when social services are often hardest hit by government cutbacks, volunteers are vital.

The Toronto Star paid homage to a group often taken for granted in our society. Not only did it give volunteers a well-deserved pat on the back, it may have encouraged others to volunteer their time and talents.



Elke Hensel talks of her life in Transylvania.

Tom Jantzi/Spoke

Transylvania home

By Tom Jantzi

Transylvania, a place of mythology, a place of wonder. Elke Hensel, a first year Law and Security Administration student, disproved the myths and talked about her life in scenic Transylvania.

Transylvania is part of Romania which lies beside the Black Sea, between Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union. Romania is behind the iron curtain and has a communist government. But Romania is not controlled by the Soviet Union.

Hensel was born in 1965 at Sebes, Transylvania. She said the city of 25,000 was a nice to live in because "you knew everybody there."

Hensel said Sebes was a very old city. It had a wall built around it to protect it from Turkish attacks in the 1400's. The city has expanded past the walls today.

The city had two cinemas which played some good American movies such as *Gone With The Wind*. But, she added, the theatres would get "weird" Russian war pictures and intellectual Russian pictures that would talk about the progress of Russia.

Music by such groups as the Beatles, Adam Ant and the Rolling Stones is very big in Romania, Hensel commented.

At school, "I had to wear a uniform and a white headband," she said. Students had to wear a number on their dresses at all times. She remembered that you could get in trouble if the number was not worn.

Hensel attended a German high school and studied electronics. She was also interested in becoming a

doctor in her high school days.

"Romania is a beautiful country." It has mountains that fill the center of the country. Hensel said she loved to go hiking through the mountains and misses the mountains and the fresh mountain air.

Hensel said she never heard of Dracula until she read it in a German magazine. She said the name Dracula came from a former ruler of South Romania. His name was Vlad Tepes and he had some very peculiar methods of killing people. But as far as Hensel knew, "he was no bloodsucker."

Romania's debt was steadily increased and the standard of living was decreased as she grew up in the country.

When Hensel was finished grade 11, her family received the passports they had applied for three years before. They could now leave Romania. She said her parents saw the future of Romania as very bleak. They decided to move to Canada rather than to Germany.

Hensel went to Cameron Heights high school in Kitchener to finish grades 10, 12 and 13.

She applied to various universities and colleges and decided that she wanted to get into the LASA program at Conestoga College.

She plans to work for the government in the law and security field.

Hensel plans to visit friends and relatives in Romania this summer. As she is without citizenship, she jokingly adds: "If I don't return you will know that I've been arrested by the government."

Male queen hosts carnival

By Jane Moreau

A six-team tug-of-war competition opened the four-day winter carnival at Waterloo campus on Monday, Jan. 20.

With three females and three males on each team, the winning team of cook's apprentice students received a college T-shirt and pizza, said Marc Giancola, president of the Waterloo Student Association.

A jello-eating contest was planned for Tuesday. Divided into pairs, one blindfolded participant was to spoon-feed his

partner. The jello was to be prepared by Giancola, a food and beverage management student and Angela Biluk, WSA secretary.

Tricycle races in the campus hallways were scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday's noon-hour activity was to be an ice cream-eating contest, he said.

Anyone wearing long-johns and a toque was to be admitted free to the pub that was planned for the grand finale on Thursday evening.

The male carnival queen

was to host all the events for about 600 day students at the campus.

Addition

A letter to the editor in the Jan. 20 issue of Spoke listed Equal Opportunity Advisors at Conestoga College locations. In addition, Vanda Kelly is available to Continuing Education people throughout the college.

Peer tutors coach students

By Barbara De Smet

The practice of students helping students is highly formalized at Conestoga College.

Peer tutoring counsellor Chris Martin matches academically troubled students with tutors and oversees the signing of contracts between them.

Martin said that currently 65 tutors are coaching 100 of their fellow students at the Doon campus.

Normally, both parties agree to meet one hour per week for five weeks. The charge is \$5 for a five-week contract. However, subsidies from the college allow tutors to be paid minimum wage.

Most tutoring takes place in the room set aside for that purpose near student services.

Martin said that the majority of requests for help come from technology and business students. In the technology field, electronics, design drafting and engineering materials have proven to be tricky subjects to master. Business students often struggle with accounting and data processing.

Although there is a fairly large bank of tutors, Martin noted that she is always looking for more people with expertise in technology and business.

Would-be tutors must be second- or third- year students who have received an A or B in the course they plan to provide assistance in. To apply at the peer tutoring office they need the recommendation of the teacher of the course in question.

Students hired as tutors undergo six and a half hours of orientation aimed at improving their communications skills and teaching methods. There is also an attempt made to sensitize tutors to students' embarrassment and possible sense of failure.

At the same time, Martin points out the importance of ensuring that their charges develop good study habits and

the ability to take adequate notes in class.

Martin said she sees peer tutoring as a support to the teachers at the college, and emphasizes that a student's

arrival in her office does not reflect badly on them. She is more inclined to attribute student problems to large class size or academically challenging course content.

Spoke Quiz

1. Who is the 'Millionaire Maker'?
2. Who is the one customer 'Burger King' will not serve?
3. Who is the side-kick of the character Gumbie?
4. Who said he had a 'dream' on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1963?
5. What is the name of the newspaper that Spider-man worked for?
6. Name the actress who recently died of cancer two

weeks before her 65th birthday?

7. Name the space shuttle which recently waited out seven launch delays in 25 days?

8. Name the two European cities that experienced terrorist attacks in December?

9. What world leader was recently called a war criminal for his "policy of aggression"?

10. Name the seventh planet furthest from the sun.



Bob King, a councillor at student services on the Cambridge and Doon campuses, scored 7 out of 10 on the quiz. He missed questions 1, 3 and 7.

ANSWERS: 1. Ed Beckly 2. Herb 3. Pokey 4. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. 5. Daily Bugle 6. Donna Reed 7. Columbia 8. Rome and Vienna 9. Ronald Reagan 10. Uranus

Conestoga students can borrow from university libraries

By Barbara De Smet

Conestoga students working on research papers have access to other college libraries if they can't find the books they need in the Learning Resource Centre at Doon.

The University of Waterloo, Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Guelph all permit outsiders to borrow

books from their libraries.

Rose Mason, circulation supervisor at the University of Waterloo, said that to obtain one year's library privileges at that institution, Conestoga students should bring a valid Conestoga student identification card to the circulation desk of either the arts or the engineering, mathematics and science libraries for attach-

ment of a UW bar code strip. This will allow them to check out books for two weeks and renew them by phone.

A technician at Doon noted that the Learning Resource Centre has a supply of the registration forms required by the University of Waterloo library. She said that Waterloo usually insists that, for issuance of the bar code, the

form be co-signed by the centre's circulation supervisor and a Conestoga faculty member.

Howard Parkinson, head of circulation at Wilfrid Laurier, said his library also asks Conestoga students to fill in a registration form obtainable from the Learning Resource Centre. This may be exchanged for a library card at WLU between the hours of 9 and 5

Monday to Friday. The card is valid until the end of the academic year in May.

The University of Guelph permits Conestoga students to become "extramural readers". Mary Swan, who works at the circulation information desk, advises borrowers that her library collects (and refunds) a \$25 deposit for each semester.

ENTERTAINMENT



The Arrows performed at the Jan. 17th Condor pub Tom Jantzi/Spoke

Arrows perform at Conestoga pub

The Arrows showed their rhythmn and blues background in their performance at Doon campus's Condor pub, Jan. 17. The six member band, consisting of Dean McTaggart as lead singer, Bob Economou on drums, Doug Macaskill on guitar, Rob Guseus on Keyboards, Glen Olive on bass and Earl Seymour on saxophone, have been together as The Arrows for four years. After returning from a European tour with Chris De Burgh, they went directly to the studio to complete their second album

and do their second video, Heart of the City. "(We are) out promoting the album right now," said McTaggart. "We want to get out and perform also." Concerning their new video, Macaskill said he thinks a video is just as creative as the tune, if it's done right. "As long as you don't try to give just one person's point of view, and it (the video) should be done tastefully." The Arrows also said there is no such thing as a social life in the music business. "You have

to put 120 per-cent into your music, otherwise it won't work,"said McTaggart. The Arrows have toured with Bruce Cockburn and Blood, Sweat and Tears, as well as De Burgh. The Arrows performed to 170 people at the pub. "It's too bad there wasn't a bigger turn out, since it was one of the better bands," said Sandy Nay, Activities Coordinator for the Doon Student Association (DSA). The Arrows will be returning to Europe to do another tour in the next few months.

Baryshnikov in film

By Lou-Ann Hope

What would happen if a Russian ballet star who has defected to the West, suddenly found himself dropped back into his native Russian world following the crash-landing of his airplane at a Siberian air base. So begins White Nights starring Mikhail Baryshnikov as dancer Nikolai "Kolya" Rodchenko. American officials are led to believe that Kolya has suffered severe head injuries in the crash and cannot be moved from the hospital when he actually has only minor injuries. Kolya is moved to his former apartment in Leningrad where he is watched closely by the KGB and Raymond and Darya Greenwood (Gregory Hines and Isabella Rossellini) who have been ordered by Colonel Chaiko (Jerzy Skolimowski) to convince Kolya to remain in

Russia. In their attempt to use Kolya as a symbol of the repentant, returning defector, the Russians pressure him to rejoin the Kirov and dance for a special performance. In his co-starring role, dancer Gregory Hines plays an American expatriate who married his Russian translator (Rossellini) and fell from Russian favor. If the Greenwood's are successful in convincing Kolya to stay in Russia, they will be redeemed by the Soviet authorities. As Kolya and Raymond begin to know each other, the original conflict between the two dancers from two different worlds dissolves into friendship. As the friendship progresses, Kolya and Raymond begin their daring plan to escape Russia. Their plan, if successful, will obtain freedom for them and Darya. However, the escape plan depends on the CIA and

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The individual will have demonstrated a warmth and responsiveness in caring for and enriching the lives of an individual student or a group of students. He/she will have made a contribution to the Conestoga community through their initiatives and involvement in leadership activities at the College. Please describe in detail the activities and action which you feel fulfill the above criteria, and include this written description with the application form. Completed applications should be submitted to the Student Services Office by March 14, 1986.

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In April of this year, a special award will be given in memory of a special man. For 13 years, Al Logan worked as head of Conestoga's counselling department. Al loved the college and his work. He was willing to get involved in and tackle anything. He demonstrated warmth and caring for the entire college community. On July 5, 1981, Al Logan died of pancreatic cancer at the age of 56. During his last months, while he was in hospital, family and friends decided that both an award and a bursary were needed as a memorial to the man they loved. The bursary, managed by the college awards office, is for students in desperate need of funds. They decided that the award should be presented each year to a student who displays qualities similar to those of Al Logan. The award is given to a student for significant contribution to the community spirit of Conestoga College. If you wis to nominate someone for the award, just fill out the accompanying application form. Forms must be submitted to Student Services office by March 14.



Mikhail Baryshnikov and Gregory Hines star in White Nights

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Slow start in chess

By Barbara De Smet

The Doon Student Association chess tournament has been slow to get off the ground. Because it has only attracted three players so far, the contest has been extended another week until Feb. 21.

Nevertheless, Conestoga chess enthusiasts are planning a simultaneous tournament in February, which, it is hoped, will generate interest in the game.

Dean Hergott, former junior Canadian chess champion, will be on campus Feb. 11 to take on up to 20 challengers at the same time. DSA activities coordinator Sandy Nay said that Hergott is one of the top ten players in the country.

All Conestoga students, faculty members and staff are eligible to participate in the match, which is scheduled to

begin at 3:30 in the cafeteria.

The simultaneous tournament at Doon is the brainchild of technology instructor Stelian George-Cosch, who teaches mechanics of materials, industrial hydraulics and metrology. George-Cosch, an immigrant from Romania, where chess is more popular than in Canada, said he once "dared to play against ten at one time."

Since coming to Canada four years ago he has played in local tournaments. Last year he won second prize at the K-W Open in the unrated players category.

George-Cosch would like to see a Conestoga College chess club which would play against clubs from the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University.

He recommends chess to business and technology students "because it develops logic and spatial memory."

Film review—Baryshnikov

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the aid of Kolya's former lover and ballet partner, Galina Ivanova (Helen Mirren).

In casting Baryshnikov and Hines, producer-director Taylor Hackford, noted, in a press release, these were the two dancers he wanted. "Each knew and admired the work of the other but I knew that it would require a story of substance to attract them. Baryshnikov had turned down films time and again, and he had declined to film the story of his defection. As for Hines, it called for him to play an American deserter. I was concerned that each might feel the story was too touchy, too close to sensitive areas; too near the edge for a black American to play, too close to reality for a Russian who has defected to the West to play."

White Nights is not simply a dance film nor another escape movie. It is a discussion on the political and social atmosphere of Russian society in a humanistic manner through Kolya, Greenwood and Chaiko.

White Nights is produced and directed by Taylor Hackford and co-produced by William S. Gilmore. Hackford's previous films include The Idolmaker, An Officer and a Gentleman, and Against All Odds. Hackford has incorporated music into this film with the title track, Say You Say Me, by Lionel Richie, and Separate Lives, a duet by Phil Collins and Marilyn Martin.

Columbia Picture's White Nights, with Mikhail Baryshnikov and Gregory Hines is showing at the Odeon Hyland Cinema in Kitchener.

Web performing for party

By Barbara De Smet

Tim Urquhart, Doon Student Association entertainment coordinator, announced Jan. 20 that he had engaged a rock band for the Polar Party 86 pub and expected to sign contracts

by week's end with entertainers for the dinner show.

The Web, a five-person rock group from Kingston, will be featured at the Feb. 6 pub. Urquhart, who saw them perform in Hamilton, pronounced them unique and said they put

on a good show. He added as an afterthought that "the two female lead singers are good-looking."

Urquhart said he was still negotiating with another rock band and two comedians for the dinner show on Feb. 5.

Homegrown planned for Jan. 30

By Kevin Swayze

The audio problems experienced at last year's Home Grown Talent Night shouldn't plague this year's edition, says Mike Weinstein, promotions director of CXL.

Last year, says Weinstein, there were complaints from the performers and the audience about quality of the sound mixing because of an inexperienced audio board operator.

"This year I've got control of the whole show," says Weinstein. He has lined up a professional audio engineer to

control the sound, and the lighting will be professionally done as well.

Broadcasting--Radio and Television students will be setting up equipment, running the show and operating the television cameras to record the show.

This is going to be "the best looking show yet, hopefully," he says.

Last year's talent night went over very well, says Weinstein, with 17 acts performing before a sold-out audience.

He hopes this year's fourth edition of the talent night will be even better than last year,

with more acts entered. "The more bands there are the more fun it is."

There are three classes of acts that can be entered into, with first and second place prizes in each.

The best band will win \$125 and the second-place band will win \$85 dollars; the best soloist will take home \$75 and the runner-up will get \$50; and the best air band—a band that acts as if it were playing the pre-recorded music coming over the speakers—will get \$30 and the second-place band will get \$20.

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Program of the Week

Telecommunications has close to 100% placement rate

By Vickie Campbell

"Hands on learning and being able to work at your own pace" are two things teacher Fraser Cooper feels students like best about the three-year electronics engineering technology-telecommunications systems program.

Nancy McConnell, co-ordinator of the program, said placement rates for the program are "close to a 100 per cent." Of the 20 people who graduated last year, all found jobs.

Cooper said the average starting salary was between \$17,000 and \$18,000. He added there was a 60-40 split in job locating. He said slightly over half found employment in the Kitchener-Waterloo-Cambridge area while others found jobs further afield, especially in the Ottawa area.

McConnell said that placement rates were down during the recession in the early 1980s, but they have improved considerably as the electronic industry picked up.

Between 60 and 70 per cent of the student enrolled in the course are directly out of high school, Cooper said, but he added the number of mature students is increasing every year.

On the average students have about 25 hours of classes per week for all three years of the course, McConnell said. She added that their time is split so they spend about 15 hours a week in the lab and 10 hours a week in class.

Cooper said both theory and hands-on experience are im-

portant and the split between the two is 50-50. He said, "there is more theory in the front end (of the program) than the back end. You need to understand the theory before you can actually begin doing the projects."

Telecommunications involves satellites and that's why the large satellite dish was installed at Doon campus in 1982. The dish is used to pick up and transmit satellite signals.

The third year of the program differs from the first two because students work on their own. In year one and two students usually do the same lab at the same time. But in year three students work in groups of four or five and may work on the same project for five or six weeks.

Cooper said the projects are "commercially viable." One project currently involves developing a device which automatically traces a radio transmitter.

McConnell said that telecommunications is currently being combined with the electronics engineering-computer systems. McConnell said the course will be called electronics technology and include both computers and telecommunications, giving students more options.

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Craig MacLean, a telecommunications student tries to get his oscillator to work Tom Jantzi/Spoke

Tech courses have 52 week option

By Barbara DeSmet

Students entering selected technology programs at Conestoga College have the options of beginning in either March or September and completing their studies in 52 weeks as opposed to the usual two years.

Liaison co-ordinator Lynne Proctor explained that the 52-week mode is popular with mature students who are in a

hurry to embark on new careers.

Accelerated courses of study are offered in the electrical technical machinery and apparatus, electronics engineering technician programs at Doon and the electro/mechanical technician, electronics engineering technician-industrial control and metal fabrication technician programs at the Guelph campus.

Technician-design drafting and technician-numerical con-

trol programs also run year-round.

To complete two years' work in one year, Proctor said students forgo almost all but statutory holidays, spend more hours in class per week and do more homework assignments.

Proctor said the March intake for electrical technicians is new this year and that the college is beginning to receive applications from prospective students to fill the class being formed at that time.

POLAR PARTY WEEK
All pre-registration for events

FEB. 3-6

MON.

Beer Hunt 9:00
(clues posted)
Snow Sculpturing
Contest 9:00

Nail Driving Contest
12:00 Cafe

Nurses Massage
12:30-Student Lounge

Foosball Tourney
3:00 Student Lounge
Table Hockey
Tourney
3:00 Student Lounge

TUES.

Beer Hunt

Great White North
BBQ 11:00-1:30
outside Cafe

Marty Putz Nooner
12:00 Cafe

Nurses Massage
12:30 Student Lounge

Toboggan Race
1:30

Chicopee Ski 'N Pub
\$7 1:30-1:00 a.m.
show ID card

Hockey Showdown
3:00-4:30

WED.

Beer Hunt

Marshmallow
Eating Contest
12:00
Crackers & Whistle
Contest
12:30

Nordique
Dinner Show
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Lasagna Dinner

THURS.

Beer Hunt

Polar Plunge 12:00

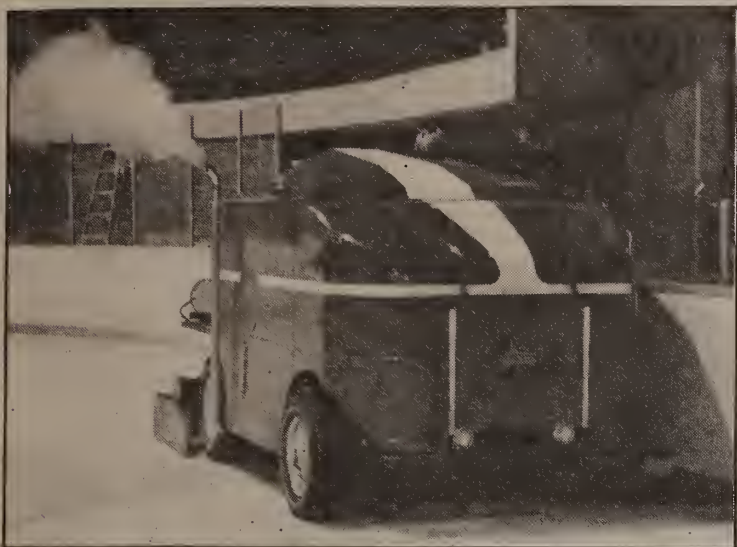


The Web Pub
8:00 p.m.
\$3 door
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SPORTS



Art Cullaton, a handyman at the centre, drives the Olympia.

Robert Martin/Spoke

Handymen explain how ice is cleaned

By Robert Martin

Unlike the man in the Mennen commercial, Art Cullaton, a handyman, does not feel a lot of pressure when he cleans the ice at Conestoga Centre.

Cullaton works part-time at the auditorium in Kitchener, where audiences shout at him. "They always yell, good things and bad things. I don't listen anyway," he said.

In the Mennen commercial the man drives a Zamboni, but at the Centre the handymen drive an Olympia. "The Zambonis are the Cadillacs of the

ice clearing machines," said Peter Schlei, also a handyman.

The Olympia ice cleaning machines are made by Resurfice Corp., in nearby St. Jacobs. That makes it easier to get parts, Schlei said.

The Olympia scrapes and floods the ice.

At the back of the machine, the conditioner shaves the ice with a razor sharp blade.

In front of the blade, a horizontal auger collects the scraped ice, and a second vertical auger shoots the scraped ice up into a bin.

At the back of the conditioner, hot water is sprayed onto the ice at 140 degrees Fahrenheit. "The hot water will melt any uncollected ice shavings, and fill in the ruts," he said.

The Olympia has about 50 metal studs in each tire. "The studs help the machine grip the ice," he said.

The Olympia runs on propane, because a cleaner burning fuel is needed indoors.

Schlei said that the ice is cleaned roughly once an hour, depending on how much use it gets.

Hockey Condors lose

By Jenny Wilson

While on a road trip during the week of Jan. 13-17, the varsity hockey team lost two games, one in overtime, to drop to 3-11-1 in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association competition.

The Georgian Grizzlies built period leads of 5-1 and 8-1 on their way to a 13-2 win over the Condors on Jan. 15.

Bruce Hunking and Todd Hutton scored the two goals for Conestoga.

When the Condor's faced the Canadore Panthers two days later, it was a different story, as Conestoga and Canadore battled to a 2-2 first-period tie, then the Condors broke away for a 6-3 lead after two.

The Panthers came back in the third period to tie the game, then put the Condors away in an overtime win of 6-7.

Goal scorers for the Condors were Bill Bishop netting four, and Hutton and Hunking scoring one each.

By Vickie Campbell

In the second women's volleyball game held Wednesday Jan. 15 the Varsity Blues defeated the LASA team by scores of 11-1 and 11-9.

Following the game, Jan Airdrie of the LASA team said, "We played poorly." She said it was because most of the team have not played much volleyball previously. She added that the Varsity Blues were a very good team.

Deb Vries of the Varsity Blues said she was pleased. "So far so good," she added.

Vries said she felt the team performed well together and five of them had played on the women's varsity team together.

"We know how each one plays and it helps a lot."

In other women's volleyball games, the Rec Crew defeated the Business Extensions by scores of 11-8 and 11-2.

The LASA team defeated the Business team and the Varsity Blues won their second game defeating the Rec Crew by scores of 11-5 and 11-0.

In men's intramural volleyball the Rookies lost to the 1st

Offenders with scores of 11-6 and 11-5.

The Hawks defeated the Rec Crew by scores of 11-4 and 12-10.

The Original Rec Crew won twice defeating the Canadians 11-6 and 11-2.

LASA defeated Net Management in two closely fought games with scores of 12-10 and 12-10.

Net Management emerged victorious later in the evening defeating the Canadians 15-7.

In the final game of the evening the 1st Offenders lost to LASA 13-5.



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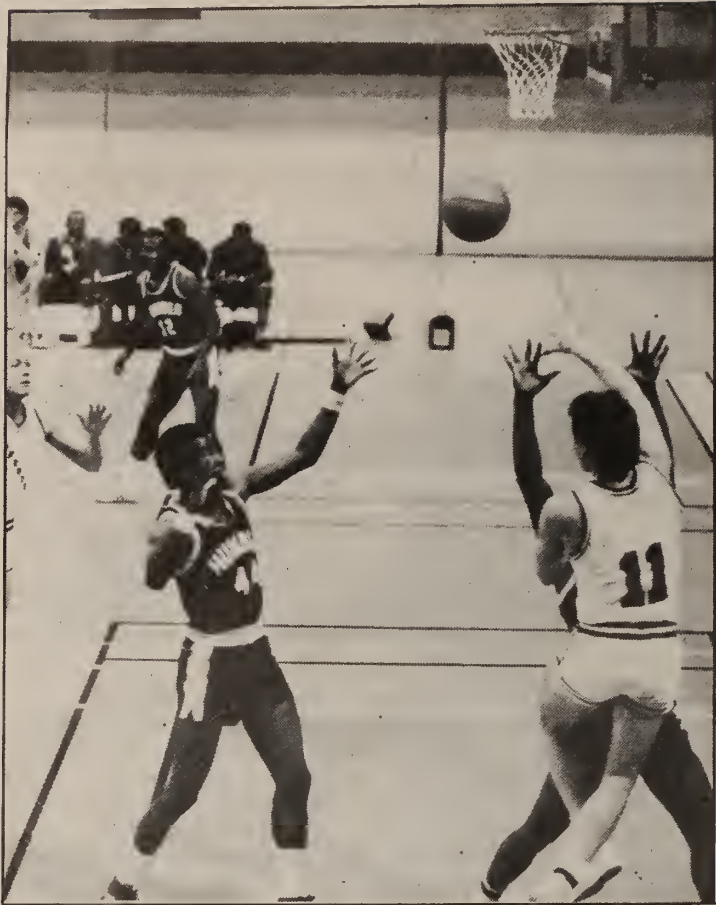
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Alex Yandryk passes the ball to Henry Yahn

Robert Martin/Spoke

Cagers lose to Hawks

By Jenny Wilson

The Conestoga Condors varsity basketball team dropped an 82-67 contest to the Humber Hawks, the current leaders of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCCA) basketball league, Thursday, Jan. 16.

For awhile it seemed as though the Condors were on their way to an upset win.

The Hawks had their hands full in a see-saw first half and had to struggle to take a 42-41 lead after 20 minutes.

After the intermission, Humber hit for nine straight

points and, despite constant Condor pressure, never relinquished the lead.

Top scoring performances came from Les Robertson who hit for 26 points, Greg Benson with 20 and Alex Yandryk with 13.

After the game, coach Helmut Tinnes said, "We usually play well against good teams; they blew us away by 40 points last game. We caught them totally off guard this time. Our game plan worked well in the first half, we kept up with them."

Bears meet Tah Tahs

By Susan Calmusk

In the new round of intramural ball hockey action January 15, the Bears, a brand new team in the division, met the Tah Tahs, last round's and three-year champions, and lived to tell the tale.

The score was quite respectable in fact: 3-1 for the Tah Tahs. Despite this, when asked if he was pleased with the game's outcome, Bear captain Rod Simpson said, "We could have done better."

Tah Tah scorers were Dailen Keyes, who scored the first two goals, and Dan Driedger.

The action was slow-paced for a Tah Tah game. The goals

were scored in the beginning half of the game then the Tah Tahs appeared to sit back on their lead. "We could have used spares," Keyes said of his team which tired and played more defensively than usual.

Bear goalie Paul Lobsinger played well resisting many Tah Tah slapshots.

In other games that night Everybody's Business defaulted to Electromotive Force 1-0; the Rookies overed the Pink Flamingos 3-1 and the Flamingos edged the Bears 3-2.

The Rookies defeated the Coconut Comebacks 4-1 and Everybody's Business overpowered the Tah Tahs 3-1.

Juventus loses

By Vickie Campbell

In soccer play Monday Jan. 20, Tour DeForce defeated Juventus by a score of 3-1.

The first goal for the Tour DeForce was scored by Arron Fortenbher, the second by Graham Smith and the final one by team captain Thang Uong.

Jon Cooper, goalie for Tour DeForce, did an excellent job. Good goaltending was also exhibited by Roger DeCarlos, goaltender for Juventus.

After the game, Giucio Mior of Tour DeForce said the game was well played. He thought that Juventus played especially well considering they had only six players.



The Brewers tied the 1st Offenders 0-0 as the co-ed broomball season opened on Jan. 16.

LASA wins, 1st Offenders, Brewers tie

Two co-ed broomball games were played on Jan. 16 to open the new season.

The LASA Enforcers defeated the Rec Crew by a score of 1-0 in the first game.

"It was fun, when we use full

ice it is better. It was a good game, we'll improve with time," said Sue Galbraith of the Rec Crew.

In the second game, the 1st Offenders and the Brewers played to a scoreless tie.

Following the game, Roger Decarolois, goalie for the 1st Offenders said, "at the end of a tie game there should be a shoot out." Peter Potentier of the same team said, "The girls played a good defense."



Intramural Team of the Week

Original Rec Crew

The Intramural team of the Week selected for the week of Jan. 13-17, is the Original Rec Crew of the men's intramural volleyball league.

Team members are: (back row, l-r), Helio Maciel and Tibor Vezsenyi, (front row, l-r), Doug Moore, Jamie Reyenga and Mike Krabi. Absent members are: Dan Randall, Bob Mannan and Clendon Coombs.



Athlete of the Week

Greg Benson

Varsity basketball player Greg Benson of Brockville has been selected Athlete of the Week at Conestoga College for the week of Jan. 13.

In the Thursday, Jan. 16 game against league-leading Humber College, Benson turned in a solid overall performance scoring 20 points and grabbing five rebounds in an 82-67 Condor

loss.

Benson, 19, is currently enrolled in the Electronic Engineering Technology-Computer Systems program at Conestoga's Doon campus

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